

Percentage distribution of graduate and first-professional students according to time between receiving bachelor's degree and beginning graduate program, by selected enrollment and institution characteristics: 1999–2000

Enrollment and institution characteristics	Less than 1 year	1–2 years	3–6 years	7 years or more
Total	29.3	21.0	23.5	26.2
Master's degree	19.9	22.4	28.0	29.7
Public	21.9	23.2	28.6	26.4
Nondoctorate-granting	20.6	22.2	28.2	29.0
Doctorate-granting	22.3	23.5	28.7	25.4
Private not-for-profit	17.5	21.9	27.0	33.6
Nondoctorate-granting	17.6	22.3	24.0	36.1
Doctorate-granting	17.4	21.7	28.5	32.4
Doctoral degree	24.7	16.8	23.6	34.9
Public	22.5	15.8	25.7	36.1
Private not-for-profit	28.0	18.6	20.3	33.1
First-professional degree	42.1	30.4	15.6	11.9
Public	45.9	27.3	14.9	12.0
Private not-for-profit	39.4	32.5	16.1	12.0
Master's degree				
Business administration (MBA)	12.4	19.6	36.9	31.2
Education (any master's)	16.9	20.6	29.1	33.4
Other master of arts (MA)	25.8	26.0	23.9	24.4
Other master of science (MS)	26.5	26.9	21.5	25.1
Other master's degree	22.9	21.9	25.7	29.5
Doctoral degree				
PhD except in education	28.4	18.8	26.8	26.0
Education (any doctorate)	10.6	5.5	17.8	66.0
Other doctoral degree	26.9	21.6	19.6	32.0
First-professional degree				
Medicine (MD)	43.9	30.7	16.5	9.0
Other health science degree	62.7	25.6	7.6	4.1
Law (LLB or JD)	31.8	35.8	19.5	12.9
Theology (MDiv, MHL, BD)	9.7	17.0	22.4	50.8
Attendance pattern				
Full-time, full-year	34.9	26.0	23.2	15.9
Full-time, part-year	25.0	31.3	20.9	22.8
Part-time, full-year	21.5	17.4	26.5	34.7
Part-time, part-year	32.0	14.2	20.8	33.0

NOTE: Except where limited as indicated by a row label, data include students in graduate programs other than master's, doctoral, and first-professional and students in private for-profit institutions. Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 1999–2000 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS:2000).